

PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT[641]

Notice of Intended Action

Twenty-five interested persons, a governmental subdivision, an agency or association of 25 or more persons may demand an oral presentation hereon as provided in Iowa Code section 17A.4(1)“b.”

Notice is also given to the public that the Administrative Rules Review Committee may, on its own motion or on written request by any individual or group, review this proposed action under section 17A.8(6) at a regular or special meeting where the public or interested persons may be heard.

Pursuant to the authority of Iowa Code section 147A.4, the Department of Public Health hereby gives Notice of Intended Action to amend Chapter 132, “Emergency Medical Services—Service Program Authorization,” Iowa Administrative Code.

The rules in Chapter 132 describe the standards for the authorization of EMS services. These proposed amendments remove regulations for air medical services, allow satellite services in other cities, ensure the public of an ambulance response when calling 911, reference the Iowa EMS Patient Registry Data Dictionary as the one currently adopted in the trauma rules, and incorporate the authority to levy civil penalties as granted in Iowa Code chapter 272C.

Any interested person may make written comments or suggestions on the proposed amendments on or before February 16, 2010. Such written comments should be directed to Kirk Schmitt, Bureau of EMS, Department of Public Health, 321 East 12th Street, Des Moines, Iowa 50319. E-mail may be sent to kschmitt@idph.state.ia.us.

These amendments are intended to implement Iowa Code chapter 147A.

The following amendments are proposed.

ITEM 1. Rescind the definitions of “Air ambulance,” “Fixed-wing aircraft” and “Rotorcraft ambulance” in rule **641—132.1(147A)**.

ITEM 2. Amend paragraph **132.7(1)“g”** as follows:

g. The certificate of authorization shall be issued ~~only~~ to the service program based in the city named in the application ~~and shall not be inclusive of any other base of operation when that base of operation is located in a different city.~~ Any ambulance service or nontransport service that ~~is based in and~~ operates from more than one city shall apply for and, if approved, shall receive a separate an inclusive authorization for each base of city of operation that desires to provide emergency medical care is listed in the application.

ITEM 3. Rescind and reserve subrule **132.7(3)**.

ITEM 4. Adopt the following new paragraph **132.8(3)“p”**:

p. Ensure a response to requests for assistance when dispatched by a public safety answering point within the primary service area identified in the service program’s authorization application.

ITEM 5. Amend subrule 132.8(7) as follows:

132.8(7) Adoption by reference. The Iowa EMS Patient Registry Data Dictionary ~~(January 2004) identified in 641—paragraph 136.2(1)“c”~~ is adopted and incorporated by reference for inclusion criteria and reportable patient data. For any differences which may occur between the adopted reference and this chapter, the administrative rules shall prevail.

a. The Iowa EMS Patient Registry Data Dictionary ~~(January 2004) identified in 641—paragraph 136.2(1)“c”~~ is available through the Iowa Department of Public Health, Bureau of Emergency Medical Services, Lucas State Office Building, Des Moines, Iowa 50319-0075, or the EMS bureau Web site (www.idph.state.ia.us/ems).

b. to f. No change.

ITEM 6. Amend subrule 132.10(3), introductory paragraph, as follows:

132.10(3) Service program authorization may be denied, issued a civil penalty not to exceed \$1000, issued a citation and warning, placed on probation, suspended, or revoked, or otherwise disciplined by the department in accordance with Iowa Code subsection 147A.5(3) for any of the following reasons: